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JAROSLAV SEIFERT, NOBEL LAUREATE, LITERATURE, 1984

By nominating Jaroslav Seifert as the winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Literature, the Stockholm committee has honored not only the first Czech writer ever to receive this award but also the last surviving member of the Czech vanguard movement of 'Poetism' of the 1920's.

Seifert, who was born to a poor working class family, joined the circle of leftist intellectuals who, after the manifestation of violent nationalism during World War I, set their expectations on proletarian internationalism and hoped that from Russia the revolution would soon spread to Western Europe. He joined the newly founded Communist party, from which he was purged in 1929.

In fact, after having written poetry in the 'proletarian' mood (City in Tears, 1920; Only Love, 1923) his sensualism and his interest in the formal perfection of his poetry carried him away from the early political aspirations he had shared with such poets as J. Wolker and V. Nezval. His path resembles that of his friend F. Halas who left the poetist movement at such an early stage only to return to the political theme during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia.

During Stalinism, Seifert took refuge in children's literature. Soon after Stalin's death, as the doyen of Czech poets, Seifert spoke out against censorship and called upon his fellow writers to be conscious of their vocation as "the conscience of the nation." Silenced again after 1968 for having chastised the Warsaw Pact occupation of Czechoslovakia, he continued to write 'for the drawer'. After years of silence, 'Morovy sloup' (The Plague Monument, 1977), an assessment of the country's and the author's past in a tiny volume of 12 poems, was published in Germany. (Later published in Czechoslovakia as well, it is now available in English translation in SVU Press, 1980). The plague symbolizes the apocalyptic events that shook Czechoslovakia during Seifert's lifetime: "Perhaps this land has meant more to me than all my loves put together / and her grip on me lasted my whole life./ And when I was hungry,/ the words of her songs / were my daily bread./"

In honoring Seifert, the committee may have honored not only the independent spirit of a remarkable poet, but also the last survivor of a great generation of Czech poetry.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Center for Slavic and East European Studies

Mon., Nov. 5 LECTURE: BORIS GASPAROV, Visiting Professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UC Berkeley, will speak on "Ideological Principles of Prague Phonology;" sponsored by the Slavic Department.
106 Moffitt
4:00 pm

Thurs., Nov. 8 POT LUCK: Slavic House invites interested faculty, students, and members of the community to attend a pot luck dessert. Come and get acquainted.
Slavic House
2347 Prospect
7-10 pm

Mon., Nov. 12 LECTURE: ROBERT MAGUIRE, Department of Russian Literature, Columbia University, will speak on "Andrei Bely and Friedrich Nietzsche;" sponsored by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Contact George Svoboda, 642-2989, for room.
tba
4:00 pm

Tues., Nov. 13 FREE FILM: *The Woman from Great Bear*, a new feature film from Romania, filmed in color in a Transylvanian village; print provided courtesy of the Romanian Film Library, New York.
PFA
4:15 pm

Wed., Nov. 14 BAG LUNCH: MIHALY LAKI, Visiting Fellow, The Brookings Institution, and Senior Researcher, Economics Institute, Budapest, will speak on "Enterprise Crisis in Hungary;" sponsored by the Slavic Center.
442 Stephens
12:00 noon

Wed., Nov. 14 LECTURE: GERALD SMITH, Visiting, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, will give a talk on dissident literature of the USSR; refreshments and discussion to follow. The public is invited.
Slavic House
7:00 pm

Wed., Nov. 14 FILM: *Three Sisters*, the play by Anton Chekhov, directed by Sir Laurence Olivier, with Alan Bates, Joan Plowright, and Sir Laurence Olivier; sponsored by the Slavic Department, Dramatic Arts Department, Comparative Literature Department, and the Slavic Center; (1974, color, 157 minutes).
142 Dwinelle
6:00 pm

Thurs., Nov. 15 LECTURE: BHABANI SEN GUPTA, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, will speak on "Indian-Soviet Relations--1984;" co-sponsored by the Institute of International Studies, Institute of East Asian Studies, Center for South Asian Studies, and the Slavic Center.
101 Wurster
4:00 pm

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5:00 pm

Fri., Nov. 16 RECEPTION: The University of California Press will honor several recently published authors, including Rose Glickman, for her Russian Factory Women: Workplace and Society, 1880-1914. She is currently Visiting Lecturer in the Department of History, UC Berkeley.
U.C. Press
2120 Berkeley Way
5-7 pm

Mon., Nov 26 LECTURE: BARBARA HELDT, Department of Russian Literature at the University of British Columbia, will speak on "Women's Autobiography in Russia;" sponsored by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Contact George Svoboda, 642-2989, for room.
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4:00 pm

Tues., Nov. 27 FILMS: As part of the program *The Other Side: European Avant-Garde Cinema 1960-1980*, the PFA will show these films from Poland and Yugoslavia: *Text-Door*, *Tea-Spoon*, *Match-Box*, and *30 Sound Situations* (Poland); and *Straight Line/Stevens-Duke*, *The Morning of a Faun*, *Forwards-Backwards*, *Piano Two Times in One Space*, *The House*, (Yugoslavia). (Total running time: 73 m
Pacific Film Archive
7:30 pm

CALENDAR (continued)

Wed., Dec. 5
442 Stephens
12:00 noon

BAG LUNCH: ELLEN COMISSO, Department of Political Science, UC San Diego, will speak on "Comparison of Hungarian and Polish Economic Reforms;" co-sponsored by the Department of Economics and the Slavic Center.

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The Book and Libraries of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Collections, Computers and Cooperation, 29 May - 16 June 1985. Organized by Citizen Exchange Council, this tour will be lead by Edward Kasinec, Chief of the Slavonic Division, New York Public Library and Co-chair of the Bibliography and Documentation Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. This professional study-tour is designed for librarians working in research libraries, staff of the book publishing industry, academic researchers, and all those interested in the book in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Participants will visit Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow, and Warsaw, Poland, and Prague, Czechoslovakia. The cost is \$2299 per person. For further information, contact: CEC, 18 East 41st Street, New York NY 10017, (212) 889-7960. We have a brochure in the Center office as well.

Analysis of Slavic and East European Materials at the University of California, Berkeley - A Count of Titles Classified by the Library of Congress Classification. This classification was done by Leroy Ortopan, Main Library; it came out in October 1984. Copies can be ordered through the Center, at a cost of \$9.50 each. Allow 2-3 weeks for processing. Call 642-3230.

The World Affairs Council of Northern California offers among its publications Careers in International Affairs, by Gerard F. Sheehan, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University; 1982, 252 pages, \$10.00. The volume gives descriptions and details of opportunities in education, consulting, research, business and banking, in the non-profit sector, and with the Federal Government. Contact the Council at: 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 982-2541.

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SLAVIC CENTER READING ROOM

Canadian Slavonic Papers	1984 #2-3	Polish Review	1984 #1-2
Current Digest of the Soviet Press	1984 #37	Revue des Etudes Slaves	1983 #1
East European Quarterly	1984 #2	Russian History	1983 #1
FBIS - East Europe	1984 #196	Russian Review	1983 #4
FBIS - Soviet Union	1984 #196	Slavic & East European Journal	1984 #3
Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropa	1983 #4	Slavic Review	1984 Summe
Kommunist	1984 #14	Soviet Studies	1984 #3
Kritika	1983 #2	Soviet Union/Union Sovietique	1983 #2-3
Kultura	1984 #9	Studies in Comp. Communism	1984 #1
Osteuropa	1984 #9		

The Reading Room is located in the Institute of International Studies Library, 340 Stephens.

FELLOWSHIPS, EMPLOYMENT, STUDY/TRAVEL

FULBRIGHT-HAYS Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad and Faculty Research Abroad programs are accepting applications from citizens, nationals and permanent residents of the U.S. Applications are available in One California Hall. Campus deadline: 9 November 1984.

CANADIAN STUDIES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS The Canadian government offers fellowships to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have completed all doctoral degree requirements except the dissertation, for the purpose of doing dissertation research in Canada. The awards will be U.S. \$750.00 per month, for periods of three to twelve months, not normally renewable. Send original and four copies of letter stating exact proposal, including time to be covered and other funding available, if any; copy of proof of citizenship/resident status; original and four copies of dissertation prospectus with transcript and curriculum vitae; two letters of recommendation, one from dissertation advisor; to: Canadian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship Programme, Academic Relations Section, Canadian Embassy, 1771 N Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2879. Postmark deadline: 15 November 1984.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS-AUSTRIA The Austrian Ministry for Science and Research offers scholarships to U.S. graduate students for research and study in Austrian history for the academic year 1985-86. Applicants should be 20-35 years of age, with excellent command of German. Recipients will be expected to register at an Austrian institute of higher learning or to affiliate with a research institute, preferably outside Vienna. Send a letter of application, copies of transcripts, at least two letters of recommendation, and a detailed description of intended research, and resume to: Prof. William E. Wright, Director, Center for Austrian Studies, U. of Minnesota, 715 Social Sciences Bldg., 207 19th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55451. Submit seven copies of all materials, except the confidential letters of recommendation. Deadline: 15 November 1984.

MINORITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS The National Science Foundation offers three-year graduate fellowships in science and engineering fields to persons at or near the beginning of their graduate study. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, & of one of the following minor groups: American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Native Alaskan (Eskimo or Aleut), or Native Pacific Islander (Polynesian or Micronesian). Stipend is \$11,100 for a twelve-month tenure. Applications available at One California Hall, or contact: Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418, (202) 334-2872. Deadline: 21 November 1984.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS-NSF The National Science Foundation offers three-year graduate fellowships per the previous listing, less the minority requirement. All other information pertains. Deadline: 21 November 1984.

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS The German Marshall Fund of the U.S. offers grants to senior scholars for research projects that seek to improve the understanding of significant contemporary economic, political, and social developments involving the U.S. and Europe. Short-term projects not eligible; fellows expected to work full-time on research without other working responsibilities, administrative or professional, during an academic term or up to one year. Application forms must be requested from: The German Marshall Fund of the U.S., 11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 745-2950. Deadline: 30 November 1984.

CHANCELLOR'S PATENT FUND-UCB Berkeley graduate students may apply for support from the Chancellor's Patent Fund for Graduate Student Research. Student applicants should have been advanced to Ph.D. candidacy by the application deadline; exceptions may be granted in a few cases. Funding is for dissertation research, with preference given to collaborative project between student and professor for which outside funding is unavailable. Awards may be made in any academic field, not conditioned by expectation of patentable research products. For further information, contact your department or 110 California Hall. Deadline: 7 December 11 (Note: this deadline is for departmental submission of evaluated and ranked applications.)

FELLOWSHIPS, EMPLOYMENT, STUDY/TRAVEL (cont.)

MELLON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS - STANFORD The Center for Russian and East European Studies at Stanford University offers a post-doctoral research and teaching fellowship for academic 1985-86, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Applicants will be expected to teach up to half-time in their specialty, to present at least one public seminar on their research, and to participate in the life of the Center. Applicants must have completed the dissertation by June 1985 and have received the Ph.D. no more than three years before the beginning of academic 1985-86. The Fellowship pays \$20,000 for the academic year. Applicants should submit a full curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, a statement of proposed research and writing for the Fellowship period, and a description and brief outline of two courses to be taught at Stanford during the Fellowship period. Send to: Committee for Mellon Fellowship in Russian and East European Studies, 200 Lou Henry Hoover Building, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305, 497-3562 (mornings). Deadline: 15 December 1984.

KELLOGG FELLOWSHIPS The W.K. Kellogg Foundation offers a 3-year program for U.S. citizens in the early years of professional careers, ages 26-50, who wish to develop interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives on contemporary social problems. Fellows spend approx. 25% time on Fellowship-related activities; not for basic research or acquisition of new knowledge or skills within applicant's principal discipline or profession. Awards up to \$30,000 for 3-year period. Contact: Lorraine R. Matusak, Prog. Dir., Kellogg National Fellowship Program, Kellogg Foundation, 400 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49016, (616) 968-1611. Deadline: 31 December 1984.

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS The RAND/UCLA Center for the Study of Soviet International Behavior offers Doctoral Fellowships in Soviet International Behavior at UCLA and the Rand Graduate Institute, Santa Monica for academic 1985-86. The fellowships will pay \$10,000 annually, and up to \$4,000 annually for on-the-job training at Rand. Students must apply separately for admission to UCLA (Economics, History or Political Science) or to the Rand Graduate Institute. Applicants send resume, academic and professional references, recent research paper, and GRE scores, to: Director, RAND/UCLA Center for the Study of Soviet International Behavior, P.O. Box 2138, 1700 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90406-2138. Deadline: 31 December 1984.

CONFERENCES

23-25 November 1984 - Dr. Nina Tumarkin will lead a seminar on contemporary Soviet society, as part of the Esalen Institute, Soviet-American Exchange Program of public seminars on Soviet Culture and Soviet-American Relations. Contact: Esalen Soviet-American Exchange Program, 3105 Washington St., San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 563-4731.

23-25 November 1984 - the 4th Symposium on Comparative Literature and International Studies, on the theme "Literature and War", at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. For programs, contact: Elizabeth W. Trahan, Symposium Coordinator, Monterey Institute of International Studies, 425 Van Buren St., Monterey, CA 93940.

December - "Correlations of Economy and Policy in the Soviet Union", conference to be held in Cologne. Contact: Bundesinstitut, Lindenbornstr. 22, 5000 Köln 30, W. Germany.

December - "Economic Reforms in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Increase in Efficiency or Dead End?", symposium to be held in Berlin at Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Abt. DDR und östliche Industrieländer, Königin-Luise-Str. 5, 1000 Berlin 33, Germany.

13-14 December 1984 - A conference on translation and publication in English of East European literature, at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies. Contact: Prof. G.F. Cushing, SSEES, U. of London, Malet St., London WC1E 7HU, England.

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